

B-3224 - B-3233  
926-900 Light St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1845-1855

This group of houses located along the west side of the 900 block of Light St. were originally all built as two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, much like the houses to the west along Hamburg and Henrietta Streets. Many, however, have since been enlarged to a full three stories in height and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. Most currently serve a mixed commercial/residential use. The houses located in the southern half of the block, south of Wheeling St. (916-926 Light St.) were built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the unit block of Hamburg St.; those houses located to the north of Wheeling St. (900-914 Light St.) were built by a variety of individual owners.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

912 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This two story plus attic brick house with gable roof is one of the original gable roofed houses that once extended along this side of Light St. Most of its neighbors have been enlarged and remodeled and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The house has been covered with formstone.

The house is two and a half stories in height, 14' wide, and occupies a lot 80 1/2' deep. There is a two and a half story, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a one story high, one bay deep rear addition. The house was constructed in running bond but the facade has been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof had a simple, two-tier brick cornice. Double rectangular chimneys are located along the south side of the house, on both the front and rear gables.

Although the formstone covering hides the original treatments of the door and window lintels, it appears that the first and second floor openings had segmentally arched brick lintels. The attic story windows had flat lintels. Currently, the windows have brick header sills, but they are contemporary with the formstone covering. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. There is a modern panel door with two lights in the door, set beneath a single light transom. The house sits on a low basement, the entrance being reached by two brick steps. A rectangular coal opening is located to the left of the steps.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

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SPECIFIC DATES	c. 1845-1855	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Peter Aydelott
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house is interesting as an example of a single two story plus attic house built by a local house carpenter purely for re-sale to an individual owner (the majority of the two story plus attic houses in the Federal Hill area were built by large-scale builders for rental to working class tenants). The house apparently always served only as a residence, and not as a combination residence/store-front as is often the case along these blocks of Light St. The first owner of the house was a John Jeffries, a huckster, who bought the house from Aydelott in 1855 for \$850.<sup>1</sup> The house continued to be occupied by members of the Jeffries family until the early twentieth century. John Jeffries' two sons, John H. and William T. both became engineers, living in this house with their mother in the 1870's.<sup>2</sup> This example of the upward mobility of members of the second generation of a family which began very modestly in the Federal Hill area, is a fairly typical occurrence.

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore City Land REcords, Liber ED 78, Folio 94; Baltimore City Directory, 1856-57

<sup>2</sup> B.C.D., 1870, 1877

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

STREET &amp; NUMBER

4/79  
TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

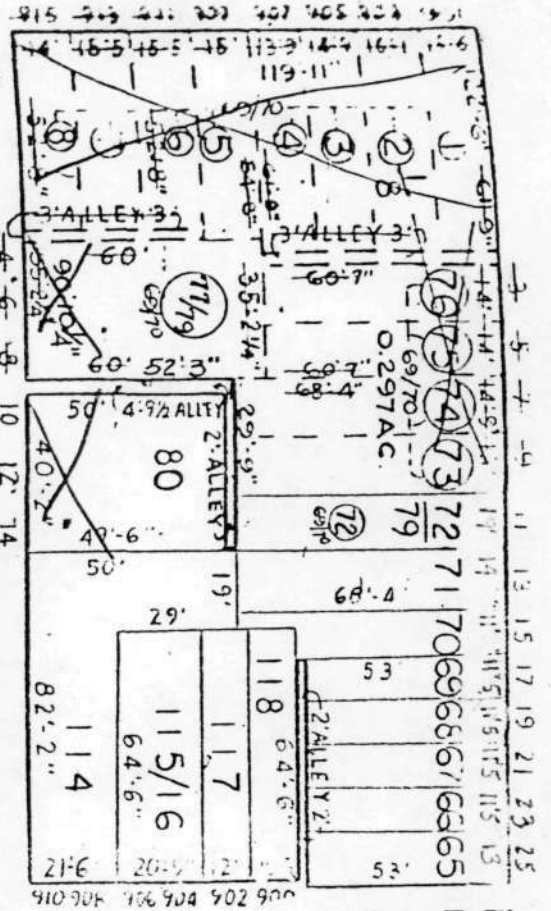
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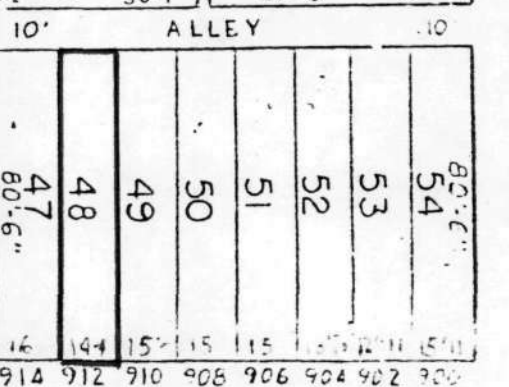
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

HENRIETTA

ST.



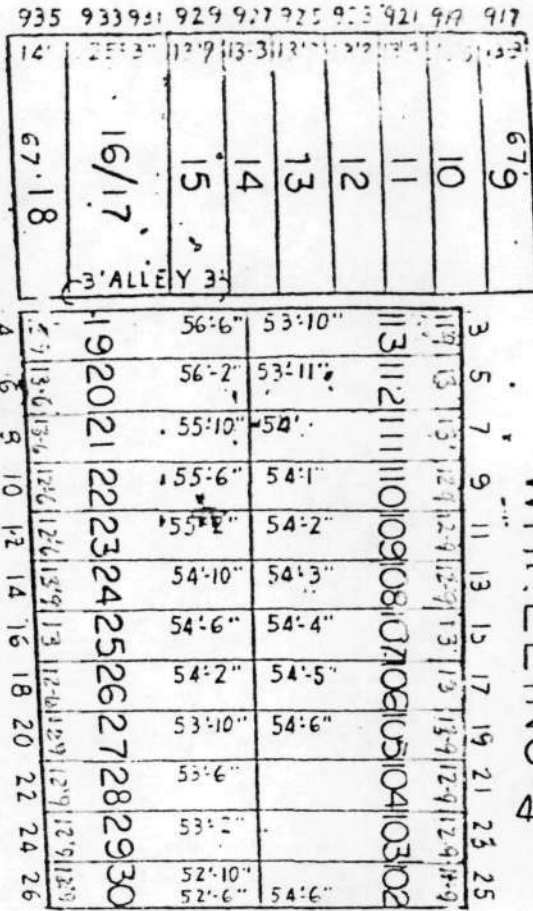
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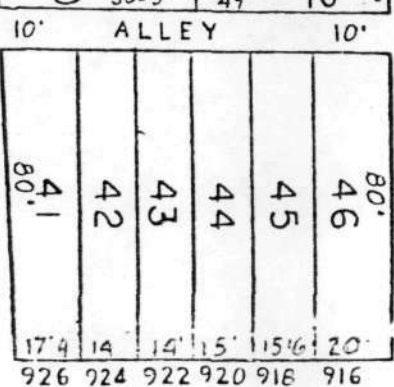
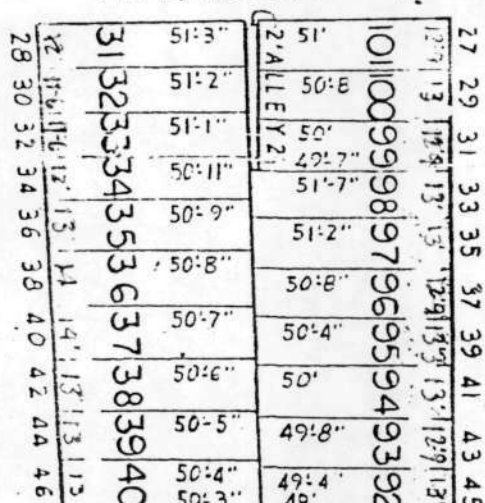
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80'

WHEELING

ST.



HARDEN



LIGHT

919

E. HAMBURG

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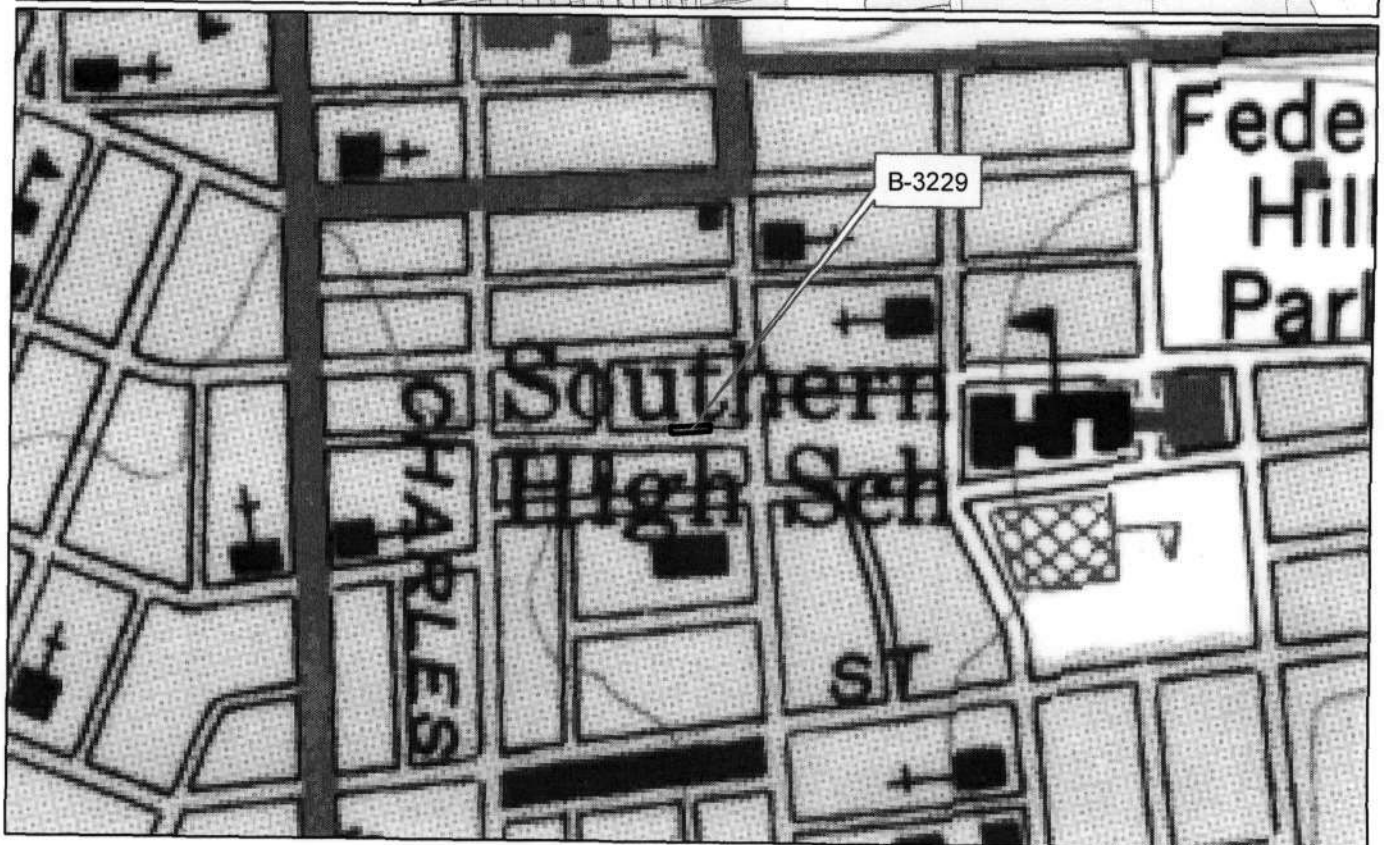
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912 Light Street  
Block 0918 Lots 048  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







B-3229 912 Light St.

M.E.H. 5/79

East elevation